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Patent Application

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In re Application of: GAO et al.

Application No.: 09/904,981

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For: POLISHING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FORMING AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL
(SUBSECTION(B) OF 35 U.S.C. § 132)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under a filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
 - a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/ reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
 - b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

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2. Miscellaneous

- 37 a. [] Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
 (period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. Other _____

Extension of Term

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

- (a) [] Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

<u>Extension</u>	<u>Fee</u>
[] one month	\$120.00
[] two months	\$450.00
[] three months	\$11,20.00
[] four months	\$1,590.00
[] five months	\$2,160.00
	<u>Fee \$</u>

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

- (b) [X] Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEES DUE

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEES
Basic Application Fee					\$790.00
Total Claims	6	- 20=	0	X \$50 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	1	- 3=	0	X \$200 =	\$0.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$360.00					\$0.00
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$790.00

PAYMENT OF FEES

1. The full fee due in connection with this communication is

provided as follows:

- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.: 23-0085. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$ 790.00
- Charge any fees required or credit any overpayments associated with this filing to Deposit Account No.: 23-0085.

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